



Weather




Today

High: 45, Low: 34




Saturday

High: 43, Low: 26



Sunday

High: 45, Low: 24



Monday

High: 48, Low: 17

News Briefs

SMART class

Life skills will be offering a Stress Management and Relaxation Training course starting in March. The course will be a series of four, stand-alone, weekly classes beginning the first week in each month. The four classes may be accomplished in any order and may be started at any time. Classes will be held on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. in the 14th Medical Group training room, Bldg. 1100 Rm. 124. Our first class will be held March 2, to schedule for this course please contact 434-2239


Chapel service changed

The Catholic Mass service at the base chapel has been changed to 1 p.m. this Sunday for the Super Bowl. Religious Education will immediately follow that at 2 p.m.

Commissary closed

The commissary will be closed Tuesday, Feb. 20. It will return to normal business hours Feb. 21.

Inside




SPORTS 18

There will be a crud tourney today at 5:30 p.m. at the Officer's Club following 07-05 Assignment night.

COLUMBUS AFB TRAINING TIMELINE											
PHASE II				PHASE III				WING SORTIE BOARD			
Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Track Select	Squadron	Senior Class	Squadron Overall	Graduation	Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
37th (07-14)	3.96 days	2.24 days	March 8	48th (07-05)	6.48 days	0.91 days	Feb. 16	T-37B	2,411	2,571	9,995
41st (07-13)	5.80 days	1.78 days	Feb. 12	50th (07-05)	2.94 days	2.20 days	Feb. 16	T-6	326	302	734
41st (08-02)	0.90 days	0.90 days	May 14					T-1A	1,108	1,126	4,323
								T-38C	1,269	1,360	4,663
Graduation speaker: Maj. Gen. Quentin "Pete" Peterson is Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.											

New faces



Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

The 14th Flying Training Wing welcomes the newest graduates of the First Term Airman's Center. Pictured are: (front row) Airman 1st Class Justin Stevens, 14 Security Forces Squadron, Airman 1st Class Adrian Neidig, 14 Communications Squadron and Airman Derek Anigi, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron; (Middle row) Tech. Sgt. Brian Bailey, FTAC Class NCOIC, Airman Basic Micheal Durkin, 37th Flying Training Squadron, Airman 1st Class Matthew Crouch, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, Airman Mark Bolding, 14th SFS, Airman 1st Class Derek Ramsey, 14 CES and Class Leader. (back row): Airman 1st Class Daniel Yeasted, 14th Operations Support Squadron, Airman 1st Class Eugene Brown, 41st Flying Training Squadron, Airman 1st Class Gregory Ramirez, 14th CES, Airman 1st Class Siddharth Sunny, 14th Mission Support Squadron.

Canine dies while on patrol in Iraq

TINKER AFB, Okla. — A 72nd Security Forces Squadron military working dog was killed in action Jan. 19 while on patrol in Baghdad, Iraq.

Marco, a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois, an explosive detector and patrol dog, suffered acute cardio respiratory arrest secondary to electrocution after coming in contact with a metal object.

Marco and his handler, Staff Sgt. Alissa Jones from Tinker AFB, were part of a team looking for weapons caches, explosives and materials used to make improvised explosive devices. Sergeant Jones was not injured.

They were attached to the Army's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, working in support of C-5/20th Infantry in Baghdad.

Sergeant Jones described Marco

as a free-spirited, loving companion and partner.

"He would be running around playing one minute and fast asleep the next," she said. Marco was "a small child with four legs, 42 teeth and hair. He was the kind of partner that would love and nurture, but the minute he or someone around him was threatened, it was all business."

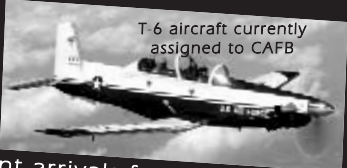
During his third tour in Iraq, Marco assisted his handler and the Army in locating numerous finds, allowing coalition forces to seize and destroy potentially deadly materials.

Marco was cremated and Sergeant Jones will escort his ashes to Tinker AFB. Memorial arrangements are pending. (Courtesy of the 72nd Security Forces Squadron)

INVENTORY

Tweet & Texan


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T-6 aircraft currently assigned to CAFB

2 recent arrivals from Moody AFB


86



T-37 aircraft currently assigned to CAFB

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED

As of press time, 26 BLAZE TEAM members are deployed worldwide. Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.



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Security officers keeping Columbus AFB safe

Kris Havens
14th Security Forces Squadron

The security officers of Computer Science Corporation - Applied Technology Division took control of the entry points at Columbus AFB January 7, 2005. Out of the 19 bases the USAF had contract security, only Columbus stood up on time. The contract security force is directly responsible for base entry control, Visitor Control Center, and commercial vehicle inspection duties. All of the security officers receive 30 hours of security training from the Department of Homeland Security and 40 hours of USAF security forces training and are licensed by the

State of Mississippi as a security officer to carry a firearm. The men and women of CSC-ATD have to meet and maintain many of the same requirements of their 14th Security Forces Squadron's counterparts. In an average month, the VCC will issue about 900 decals, about 3,000 decal expiration date stickers, over 1,600 visitor's passes and issue about 200 various ID cards.

The CVI team will search about 4,000 commercial vehicles a month, searching for IED and contraband items and have several "drug finds" to their credit. The gate officers have a broad spectrum of duties which include insuring that only authorized personnel are permitted on the base, which is their primary mission, issuing a visitor's pass when the VCC is closed or

assisting the security forces in detaining someone who has violated a base rule or Mississippi law.

CSC-ATD is committed to the safety and security of its customers and look forward to a long relationship with the 14th SFS at Columbus.

"Our Officers feel good about the positions they hold because it allows for the USAF to better utilize the men and women of the USAF abroad. It's our way of helping the USAF in the fight on terrorism," said Steve Belew, site manager. "In the past 2 years, the 14th SFS and CSC-ATD have combined to form a 'One Team, One Fight' standard that has worked well for the USAF and we are proud to serve part of your security team at Columbus AFB."

Black History Month begins

Master Sgt. Kevin McWashington
301st Aerospace Medicine Squadron

FORT WORTH, Texas — Teacher, historian and author Carter G. Woodson proposed a time to celebrate nationwide Negro History Week in 1915. His proposal later became Black History Month, celebrated every February.

One purpose of Black History Month is to recognize past events that affect us today. Some events receive great attention. Others are more subtle, receiving little fanfare, yet they are just as important in shaping and molding America.

War Department General Order No. 143 is one of those less-remembered but important events. Issued May 22, 1863, the order established the Bureau of Colored Troops.

In his article, First to Fight, author John Raymond Gourdin wrote, "Prior to the establishment of the Bureau, colored regiments were organized and supported by state governments in free states and in areas in Confederate states occupied and controlled by Federal troops. However, after the establishment of the Bureau, those regiments that were previously raised by state governments and carried state designations were redesignated as regiments of United States Colored Troops and assigned a USCT number."

Although no longer considered colored, many Americans of African descent continue to agree with the fundamentals and principles established by General Order 143. Accepting the opportunity to serve, defending the borders and upholding the integrity of law permeate through those who continue the tradition of military service today.

Bowl XLI will be broadcast to a potential worldwide audience of 1 billion in more than 230 countries and territories.

Flying over the Super Bowl is just one of many events the Thunderbirds will participate in during 2007 to commemorate the Air Force's six decades of air and space power."

The Thunderbirds are an Air Combat Command unit composed of eight pilots

(including six demonstration pilots), four support officers, four civilians and approximately 120 enlisted Airmen performing in more than 25 career specialties.

"Our job is to represent the thousands of Airmen who serve their country on a daily basis, including more than 35,000 of those fighting on the front lines in the war on terrorism," Colonel Robbins said.

(Special to Silver Wings)

EPA recognizes AF as top federal green power purchaser

Dr. Ronald B. Hartzer
Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

TYNDALL AFB, Fla. — For the third year in a row, the Air Force heads the Environmental Protection Agency's list of Top 10 federal government green power purchasers in the Green Power Partnership.

The list highlights EPA's federal Green Power Partners that have completed the largest annual voluntary purchases through Dec. 31, 2006.

The Air Force is being recognized for its voluntary purchase of 457,500 megawatt-hours of Green Power Partnership-qualified power, representing more than 4 percent of the service's annual electricity usage.

The purchases are a portion of the Air Force's 990,300 megawatt hours of total renewable purchases and on-base renewable production. The combined renewable purchases represent nearly 10 percent of its electricity consumption.

"Purchasing of green power has three significant benefits," said Jim Snook, Air Force renewable energy program manager. "It helps improve our environmental performance, increases demand for renewable

resources, and it lowers our dependency on fossil fuels and imported energy sources."

"Green power" includes electricity partially or entirely generated from clean resources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, biomass and low-impact hydro. It is considered cleaner than conventional sources of electricity and has lower emissions of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas linked to global climate change. Green power purchases accelerate the development of new renewable energy capacity nationwide.

The Air Force also was ranked No. 3 on the EPA's Green Power Partnership's Top 25 Partners, a group that includes government, private industry, trade associations, as well as colleges and universities.

The Air Force also attained EPA Green Power Leadership Club Member status in 2006. The Leadership Club honors Green Power Partners that have made an exemplary green power purchase that significantly exceeds the minimum Green Power Partnership purchase requirements.

"We are proud to be on the EPA's Top 25 list," Mr. Snook said. "The Air Force has been actively promoting the development and purchasing of renewable energy. Industry has seen that the Air Force is committed to renewable energy and they are bringing

ideas and projects to us and making more purchasing opportunities available."

The Air Force is turning recommendations into reality through power-purchase initiatives that include a variety of unique geothermal, landfill gas, wind and solar power opportunities at its bases. Thirty-seven Air Force bases participated in a renewable power purchase program in fiscal year 2006, including three that purchased 100 percent of their electricity from renewables sources.

These initiatives are complemented by an on-base wind farm and photovoltaic system at Ascension Island, landfill gas power generation at Hill AFB in Utah and wind generation at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., as well as installation of smaller renewable projects at other bases.

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The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates the February enlisted promotees. Pictured are: to Airman : Audrey N. Braun , 14th Operations Support Squadron; Michael Durkin, 41st Flying Training Squadron; to Airman 1st Class: Kelly Theriot, 14th Civil Engineering Squadron; Chad Callender, 14th Security Forces Squadron; to Senior Airman: Kathleen Ellison, 14th OSS; Larae Mayes, 14th OSS; Rodriques Smith, 14th Communications Squadron; to Staff Sergeant: Matthew Vizer, 14th Medical Operations Squadron; Kim Powell, 37th Flying Training Wing; Nicole Scharff, 14th OSS; Daniel Torres, 14th OSS; to Technical Sergeant: Tera White, 14th Flying Training Wing; to Master Sergeant: Michael Graham, 14th FTW.

Thunderbirds scheduled to kick off Super Bowl XLI

NELLIS AFB, Nev. — The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, the Thunderbirds, is scheduled to perform a flyby of Dolphin Stadium during Super Bowl XLI Feb. 4 over Miami.

The team's red, white and blue F-16 Fighting Falcons will roar over in their signature six-ship Delta formation at the conclusion of the national anthem flying at approximately 500 feet and 450 mph.

"We are honored to participate in the Super Bowl, especially this year, as the United States Air Force commemorates our 60th Anniversary," said Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins, the Thunderbirds commander and leader.

The Super Bowl is the nation's highest-rated TV program annually. According to the NFL, more than 141 million viewers in the U.S. tuned into last year's game. Super

Stackin' 'em up



Members from the 14th Flying Training Wing unload a truck of books last fall for the Columbus Public Library's book sale. This sale raised just under \$5,000 for the library. Each year two book sales are held, one in the spring and one in the fall. The next event will be held in March.

Courtesy Photo

Carla's Meals to Go

Open Monday - Thursday
Call in orders from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pick up orders from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
At the Columbus Club (434-2419)
Allow one Hour Cooking Time Before Pick-up!

Lasagna

This delectably rich baked pasta dish features a meaty sauce flavored with Italian seasonings spooned over layers of noodles and plenty of mozzarella, cottage cheese and Parmesan. Served with buttery garlic toast!
Serves Four!

Fried Chicken

A Southern Tradition - Enjoy 6 pieces of crispy-fried chicken along with 8 ounces of potato salad and two fresh baked biscuits.
Serves Two or double the order to serve Four!

Fried Catfish

This popular Mississippi dish is served with 6 pieces of crispy-fried catfish and comes with two sides: 6 fresh hot hush puppies and 8 ounces of coleslaw!
Serves Two or double the order to serve Four!

Two Portion Pricing: \$7.99 for Club Members \$8.99 for Nonmembers
Four Portion Pricing: \$15.95 for Club Members \$16.95 for Nonmembers

SALADS & SANDWICHES:

The 'Talon'\$4.25

Tortilla Wrap with Bacon, Ham, & Turkey

The 'Texan IP' \$3.95

Ham & Cheese Hoagie

The 'Thunderbird' \$4.25

Tortilla Wrap with Ham, Turkey & Roast Beef

The 'Tweet' \$2.25

Tuna Salad on Lettuce Leaf

The 'Jayhawk' \$2.50

Chicken Caesar Salad

Potato Chips 50¢

Cookies 25¢

Mobile Snack Bar Lunch Schedule

Serving Salads & Sandwiches

Building	Arrival	Departure
OG/OSS	1100	1115
	1215	1230
	1315	1330
Phillips Auditorium	1115	1130
	1230	1245
50th Squadron	1130	1145
	1245	1300
Aerospace Systems (#713)	1145	1200
T-6 Combs (#634)	1200	1215
	1300	1315



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Airmen to see combat medal in April

Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Since the Air Force started manning convoy operations in support of the war on terror, more Airmen have had an opportunity to put their rifle training to use in real-world scenarios. Today, explosive ordnance disposal and security forces Airmen, along with those performing in-lieu-of taskings, have joined battlefield Airmen working “outside the wire” in Iraq and Afghanistan and are regularly involved in combat situations as part of their duty...all alongside their fellow Airmen that continue to engage in daily combat, delivering decisive effects from the air!

“We are a warfighting Air Force,” said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. T. Michael Moseley. “Our Airmen are doing amazing things in combat operations every single day, both within their core competencies as Airmen, delivering those effects from the air and now on the surface as part of the joint fight.”

It is for those Airmen involved in combat operations, on the ground and in the air, that the Air Force has created the Air Force Combat Action Medal, said Gen. Roger A. Brady, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel.

“There are people coming under enemy fire, but we do not have an Air Force way to recognize the reality of their experience,” General Brady said. “So General Moseley has asked us to develop an appropriate recognition, a combat medal, and we have done that.”

To develop criteria for the award and to get a better understanding of what Airmen were looking for in combat recognition, the Air Force consulted with combat-experienced Airmen.

“We gathered feedback from Airmen; active duty, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve members who’ve been in combat (in the air and on the surface) — some who’ve received combat recognition from other services, and some who haven’t,” said Maj. Randall Smith, chief of the Air Force uniforms and



U.S. Air Force Photo

Shown above is the combat medal that Airmen will begin receiving in April for those Airmen involved in combat operations, on the ground and in the air.

recognition branch. “Their feedback was critical in ensuring the recognition we developed met General Moseley’s requirements. We also heard from Air Force senior leadership, both officer and enlisted.”

General Moseley often meets with Airmen in the field and has frequently called a variety of Airmen to Washington to sit down with him - to get their personal feedback and input. He said “it is important to hear the opinion of Airmen about the AFCAM because the medal is a reflection of the warfighting culture of the United States Air Force and everything we hold dear.”

“Combat is a part of our culture and our heritage,” General Moseley said. “Our Airmen know this intrinsically and reinforce it through their actions. This award is a way to visibly highlight that part of being an Airman.”

General Brady said the AFCAM will be unveiled sometime in April. Then, as part of the unveiling ceremony, some Airmen will be awarded the new medal. At that time, the Air Force will begin to process additional applications for the award.

In order for an Airman to wear the AFCAM, a narrative explanation of the Airman’s involvement in combat activities must be submitted by a person with first-hand knowledge of the incident. The application will be processed through the chain of command and eventually be approved or disapproved by the Commander of Air Force Forces.

The AFCAM is for Airmen that have directly participated in active combat, either in the air or on the ground, as part of their official duty. Airmen serving as a crew member on a C130 providing key support to Coalition forces or Airmen servicing as a convoy escort operation that takes fire, for instance, would be eligible to apply for the award.

“This is for people who are in combat as a part of their duty,” General Brady said. “If you are walking across the base at Balad and you are injured by a mortar, you will likely get the Purple Heart. You may even get a Bronze Star, depending on your performance in your duties. But that scenario would not lead to the award of the AFCAM.”

The AFCAM will be the highest-level Air Force individual award to not earn points under the Weighted Airmen Promotion System, said Major Smith.

“There was a strong consensus that this recognition should not be tied to promotion points, but should be tied to a meaning greater than that,” the major said.

Airman will wear the AFCAM on the mess dress uniform. The ribbon for the AFCAM can be worn on the blue or service dress uniform. These uniforms are usually worn for ceremonies or other duties where it is appropriate to highlight individual achievements.

There will be no patch or badge equivalent for wear on the utility uniforms worn for daily duties and deployments; the emphasis in these cases is better placed on the mission and the team, above self.

Airmen can apply for the award to recognize participation in combat activities dating back as far as Sept. 11, 2001.

VIEWPOINT

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Thank you for the Southern Hospitality

Lt. Col. Thomas Lennon
14th Operations Group Det. 1 commander

The “Black Knights” are back! Some of you may have seen these individuals wandering the base with confused expressions and bright green patches. These Airmen are not lost, but in fact new arrivals to Columbus AFB. There are currently fourteen 49th Fighter Training Squadron initial cadre, also known as 14th Operations Group Detachment 1 until May, on station with additions arriving each week. The 49th FTS will be the 14th Flying Training Wings only post-graduate training squadron, and is responsible for producing the next generation of fighter pilots and Weapons System Operators through execution of the Initial Fighter Fundamentals syllabus.

However, this article is not about the 49th FTS or IFF, it is about teamwork and a large debt of gratitude the Black Knights owe to the rest of the BLAZE team. I don’t know how many of you have been through a squadron stand-up, but it is a very daunting undertaking with literally hundreds of moving parts. It involves tasks from writing maintenance contracts, to managing a new student pilot pipeline, to ordering trashcans for your building. Everyday is a new set of seemingly insurmountable trials and tribulations, where by the end of the day you are sure your world is completely unraveling. The question quickly becomes why are the members of the 49th FTS so motivated to show up of work every morning. There are three key factors driving the Knights forward, even on the toughest days, an unquenchable thirst for success, an unmatched passion for our mission, and the camaraderie of our teammates.



Those that instruct IFF students consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to be the “gateway to tactical aviation”. This is the success and passion piece mentioned above — the ability to be a forging influence on future fighter pilots and WSOs. We believe in the mission, and the insight and tools we provide these young aviators, ensuring their success when they find themselves in harms way. We gauge our program success under the phrase “no news is good news”, if we never hear of our student stumbling at the follow-on training, or at his/her first operational unit, or in combat operations, we have done our job.

Back to reality, we are trying to get this operation off the ground with students arriving in two months. Therefore, we will momentarily divert the focus of our passion and success from the primary mission of training students to the unfamiliar landscape of contracts negotiations, building and structure design, furniture ordering, and financial management. This is where teamwork truly wins the day, not just amongst our small squadron cadre, but the entire BLAZE team and Columbus at large. To say that the guidance and support from the base support squadrons has been a blessing would be an understatement, and without the amazing backing of every base agency, our operation could not be as close to standing up as we are today. Behind each door we walk through, is a “can do” attitude, a smiling face, and the best customer service around. In town, we again have met the most wonderful people offering warmhearted welcomes, and the finest service. I guarantee you, the true meaning of Southern Charm is alive and well in Columbus.

Back on base, the 49th FTS has, and continues to receive exceptional support from every group. The 14th Operations Group and the 50th Flying Training Squadron

“Strike in’ Snakes” for allowing us to fly with them until our aircraft arrive, and for helping us get a lay of the land. To the medical group who has expeditiously and professionally taken care of our families, and ensured our flight qualifications are up to par. However, a lion’s share of our gratitude goes to the Mission Support Group, and each of the fine Airmen supporting those operations.

In particular, I would like to highlight four organizations that without their hard work and effort the 49th FTS could not get off the ground. The first is the 14th Civil Engineering Squadron, who has done a great job dealing with the fast pace operational standup of IFF. CES continues to negotiate a torrent of changes from requirements shifts, building modifications, and late/defaulted contracts, and inevitable delivers a quality product on time, every time. Hand-in-hand with CES is the 14th Contracting Squadron these behind the scenes guardians are doing a fabulous job making sure we have jets to fly, quality facilities to operate in, and sufficient equipment to execute our mission. The third organization is the 14th Communications Squadron, every step of the way these Airmen, civilian and military, have been extremely proactive in recommending and procuring the appropriate materials to help us create a world-class organization. Finally, a very special thank you to the Logistics Readiness Division who has and continues to go above and beyond all expectations of assistance and customer service to help the 49th FTS expedite our operational ready date.

Much like any acceptance speech, it is impossible to mention all the quality organizations and fine personnel who deserve recognition. So, to each and every individual that has helped guide the 49th FTS standup, thank you for your gracious acceptance and superb support of the newest BLAZE team members — The 49th Fighter Training Squadron Black Knights!

What ever happened to personal accountability

Lt. Col. Sheila Robinson
9th Medical Support Squadron
Commander

BEALE AFB, Calif. — We are living in a society where it is so easy to blame someone else for everything that happens to us, especially the bad. In an effort to become a gentler, kinder Air Force, I believe we have lost the essence of personal accountability.

Recently 9th Medical Group officials here have seen an increase in the number of Airmen arrested for driving while under the influence and for testing positive for drugs. It is difficult for the them to understand why Airmen are still having problems with alcohol-related incidents and drug use when it has been emphasized that there is a no-tolerance policy, and education is stressed frequently through the “0-0-1-3”, “Don’t Drink and Drive”, and the “Just Say No” campaigns.

Marketing of the no-tolerance policy and these campaigns happens at every

given opportunity such as at commander’s calls, on flyers plastered around the base and on cards and trinkets issued to Airmen at several different venues.

So why do we still have Airmen who chose to drink and drive and do drugs despite a culture that preaches that these activities are not compatible with being an Airman in the Air Force?

When does the individual become responsible for, and we hold him or her accountable for those choices?

We live in a society where individuals demand to be recognized for doing nothing more than the job in which they are paid to do, but refuse to accept accountability for the bad choices or mistakes that they make. It is easier for individuals to create an excuse or blame someone else for their bad choice or mistake rather than take personal responsibility. It takes a greater person to accept responsibility for his or her actions and be able to sincerely say it was “my fault” or “my bad” and move on and learn from the mistake or bad choice.

As leaders, we have become complacent in demanding more of our Airmen, more of ourselves. Senior leaders are afraid to correct individuals who are not meeting standards just to avoid conflict.

As leaders, how can we expect an individual to be responsible when we are failing to hold him or her accountable?

My organization’s leaders decided to conduct a mandatory commander’s call in an effort to generate discussion and provide possible solutions to combat our recent series of alcohol-related incidents and drug use. Although many felt to conduct this commander’s call after hours was a form of punishment, the goal was to have the entire group come up with new ideas and recommendations on how to resolve these issues.

During this commander’s call, small groups were formed and the issues were to be addressed by rank.

The Airmen were to discuss ways unit leaders could help them desire to follow the no-tolerance policy. They were to discuss how to develop a contingency plan when

they participate in high-risk activities. NCO’s and first-line supervisors were to discuss how to talk to the Airmen about being responsible and reinforcing the Airmen’s plan.

Senior NCOs and officers were to discuss leading by example and holding individuals accountable.

After great interaction, my take-away from the meeting was that the Airmen wanted more discipline, to be held accountable, and to work in an environment that encourages and fosters excellence. Alcohol over-indulgence and drug use are choices.

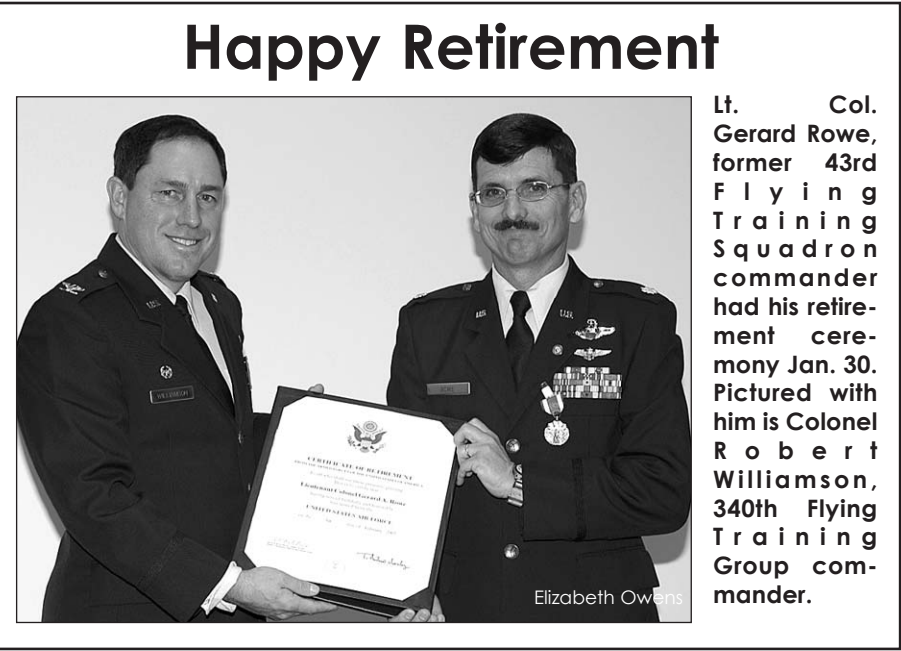
As we draw down our forces, we cannot continue to spend our time and resources on individuals who make bad choices and continue to engage in activities that are not compatible with the Air Force.

Airmen want to be held accountable for their choices.

As leaders, we should give them exactly what they expect of us: to hold them accountable for their personal choices.



Members of the 14th Flying Training Wing welcome back Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Butler, 14th Flying Training Wing Chapel, as he returns from Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan.



Lt. Col. Gerard Rowe, former 43rd Flying Training Squadron commander had his retirement ceremony Jan. 30. Pictured with him is Colonel Robert Williamson, 340th Flying Training Group commander.

Youth center offers variety of programs for base youth

Katherine Savage
14th Services Division

Has your preteen or teen been to the youth center lately? Did you know that there's more to do than just play video games and shoot hoops? Did you know that your youth center is a proud member of the Mississippi Boys and Girls Club of America Alliance?

There have been lots of changes at the youth center in the past few months. Starting with a major building re-organization in October, the youth center staff has worked diligently to provide more of the activities that preteen and teens want out of their youth program.

In January, the youth center eliminated the annual \$24 membership fee. This change is due to the center receiving funds through their alliance with BGCA. Children and parents still need to fill out the required Air Force and BGCA paperwork, but this should take less than 10 minutes.

The Youth Center has numerous pro-

grams and activities geared towards all age groups. Power Hour is from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. This program supports students 9 to 18 years of age by having open recreation, or unstructured time staff providing assistance in doing homework.

Another activity is our Fit Factor program. It is a self motivated online physical fitness program that allows youth 6 to 18 of age to earn points for prizes such as water bottles, sun visors and t-shirts. It also supports our monthly Fit Factor Saturday, where extra prizes such as an IPOD shuffle or a new off road bike may be given away.

There are also preteen and teen late night, where the youth center staff keeps the facility open late, and plans special activities such as a dance, dance revolution contest, laser tag, bowling or a movie night just for that age group.

Additionally there are Keystone, ages 13 to 18, and Torch, ages 9 to 12, clubs, that give the preteen and teens a voice in



Chelsea Green and Aaliyah Bond, members of the youth center, play air hockey during the youth center's open recreation.

Pam Wickham

what kinds of activities, field trips and guest speakers they would like to see as part of their on-going program.

An upcoming program is the "Read by Mail" reading program for youth from kindergarten to eighth grade. This program begins Feb. 20 and ends April 27.

Children create their own book lists from over 15,000 book titles and earn points and prizes for their literary successes.

The youth center is here for your child. If you have any questions about our programs please contact Ms. Jami Marion at Ext. 2503.

CAFB families have variety of recreational choices

Membership drive and crud tournament:

The Columbus Club invites all members and potential new members to participate in the crud tournament and some free food starting at 6 p.m. tonight. Over \$1,000 in door prizes will be given away with current members and new members entered into the drawing. New members joining will also receive a free gift. For more information, call Ext. 2490.

Family Child Care License:

Family child care involves the regular care of a child in the home of another family. Individuals caring for other families' children for more than ten hours a week on a regular basis must be licensed. The advantages of being a Family Child Care Provider would allow you to enjoy children and have them in your home, a way to add to the family income without having to work outside the home and caring for the child of a neighbor or friend. It also is a good way to provide playmates and companionship for your own child. For more information on the free training, materials and licensing procedures contact the Family Child Care office located in the Child Development Center. For more information please call the FCC office at Ext. 3047.

Super Bowl wings special:

The bowling center offers a wings special for the Super Bowl this Sunday. Place your order by Saturday for pick-up on Sunday at the bowling center. Select your choice of regular, barbecue or buffalo wings or a combination of all. Cost is \$9.75 for 25 wings, \$19.50 for 50 wings, \$29.25 for 75 wings and \$38.75 for 100 wings. Call Ext. 2426 to place an order.

Parents night out:

The youth center and child development center offers a parents night out from 5 to 11 p.m. Feb. 10. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Parents must register their children by Wednesday at the respective activity. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504 or the child development center at Ext. 2479.

Columbus Club's sweetheart dinner:

Make reservations by Wednesday for this special six-course, two-hour dining experience starting at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 14. Reservations are limited to the first 25 paid reservations. The six course meal also includes a souvenir champagne flute and your choice of a bottle of champagne or wine. Cost is \$60 per couple for club members and \$70 for nonmembers.

Reservations can be made by calling Ext. 2802 or stopping by the Services main office in Bldg. 385.

Family fun Valentine's party:

The youth center is hosting this event with light refreshments, crafts and games for the family from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 10. Cost is \$2 per person if you register and pay by Thursday. Regular cost is \$5 per person. A parent or other care provider, age 16 or older, must attend with child. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Home decor workshop:

The arts and crafts center's February workshop is making a sweetheart bench at 6 p.m. Feb. 15. Cost is \$35 plus two yards of 54-inch decorator fabric. If you bring your spouse to the class, receive a free gift. Register and pay no later than Feb. 9 at the arts and crafts center. For more information, call Ext. 7836.

Youth center parents advisory committee meeting:

All parents with children involved with the school age program, youth sports, open recreation and instructional classes are invited to this open discussion about youth programs from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Services complex. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Carla's Meals to Go:

The Columbus Club has changed the menu. Entrees are lasagna, fried chicken and fried catfish with all the trimmings. The two portion price is \$7.99 for club members and \$8.99 for nonmembers. The four portion price is \$15.95 for club members and \$16.95 for nonmembers. In addition there are tortilla wraps with bacon, ham and turkey or ham, turkey and roast beef, \$4.25 each, a ham and cheese hogie, \$3.95, a tuna salad on lettuce leaf, \$2.25, and a chicken caesar salad, \$2.50. Call in orders from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and pick up orders from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Allow one hour cooking time before pick-up. Call Ext. 2419 to place order.

Preteen night:

The youth center will host a preteen night for ages 9 to 12 from 8 to 11 p.m. Feb. 16 with a scavenger hunt. Cost is \$3 if you register and pay by the Wednesday before the event or \$6 if you pay later or on the day of the event. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Self help car wash:

There is a self-help car wash located behind the youth center on Ninth Street. Cost is \$1 for 5 minutes and customers may add a quarter for each additional minute before the time ends for an extended wash. Call Ext. 7842.

Couple finds home and hope in United States and it's Air Force

2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Spear
14th Operations Group

For most who serve in the U.S Air Force, the United States is home and we are accustomed to its liberties. We come from all walks of life and many different backgrounds, but we still have one thing in common; the freedom to pursue any dream we have ever had. However, for some Air Force members, there are intense stories of survival, determination, and sacrifice. Some of our Air Force members have gone to extraordinary lengths to be able to enjoy the simple freedoms many native-born Americans have started to take for granted. These people are no different than any one of us, but were born in a different land where freedom is something that is only wished for.

The story of Airman 1st Class Daniel Rodriquez and Senior Airman Janeth Cubeddu illustrates two families that overcame all odds and gave up everything to start a new life in the United States. It gives us a new appreciation for the Melting Pot that is the U.S and the U.S Military, where people born in a communist country such as Cuba or under an oppressive regime in Venezuela can become some of the best Airmen in the Air Force.

Daniel's story begins with him as a young child in Cuba with his family living under Castro's communist rule. Because of their political views, his family was on a list of anti-communist supporters who were regularly persecuted and imprisoned. Daniel's grandfather was part of the original anti-communist movement and as a consequence spent 12 years of his life in prison. When Daniel was only 2 years old, his family decided to flee from the oppressive communist regime leaving behind his three half-brothers due their family. Daniel's father, mother, and extended family moved to Venezuela in 1981 and with hard work they were able to run a television production business and pipeline sales company. Once the family finally felt that they were on the road to success and away from their past, Hugo Chavez began gaining power. Chavez, who came into power in Venezuela in 1999, quickly turned a free country into one ruled by an aspirant dictator. Chavez gained control of all the government branches and took away many of the public's liberties.

Daniel and his family could see where Venezuela was headed and knew first hand the effects of a dictator. They decided to use their television business to advertise and campaign against Chavez and his socialist ideas. By being so outspoken and clearly anti-Chavez, they were no longer safe in Venezuela. Once again, the Rodriquez family needed to move to another country to be free from political persecution. Two of Daniel's older brothers who were able to leave Cuba after becoming adults, were the first to move to the US and start a new life in Miami. Daniel and his mother followed, looking for ways to gain their citizenship and establish themselves in their new home. Finally, after most of the family had made it out of Venezuela safely, Daniel's father left his successful life to

travel to the United States. They were forced to start over with nothing.

Janeth and her family are Venezuelan and came to the United States seeking a better life. Before leaving Venezuela, Janeth's father was an established boat designer and had a contact in the United States that offered him a job. Janeth, her mother, father, and two brothers were able to move to the US in 1999 and start over with nothing. They were forced to leave her older sister and brother in Venezuela because they were too old to be allowed in the US with their family. Through hard work and a drive to succeed, Janeth's family was able to establish themselves and integrate into American society. Her father was the sole provider for the family, since his new job was in control of their residency paperwork. After only a short time in the US, her father's employer closed and Janeth's family was now in a new country without any source of income, which left their residency paperwork in limbo. Luckily her father's skills as a boat designer were desirable and he began work with another company to finalize their residency.

As a young girl, Janeth had admired the structure of a military lifestyle. So when she came to the United States, she knew the Air Force was where she needed to be. In 2003, after gaining her residency from her father's hard work she enlisted in the Air Force. A few months before heading off to basic training she went to a Venezuelan

festival in Miami where she met Daniel for the first time. The two dated up until she went to basic training in May of 2003. They were married in October of 2003; between the time Janeth graduated tech school and her first assignment to Little Rock AFB, Ark.

In 2005, Daniel finally received his residency, the only thing holding him back from pursuing his dream of joining the Air Force. He went off to basic training and tech school, where he was top in his class and showed the signs of the beginning of an outstanding career. Things were finally coming full circle in Daniel and Janeth's lives. They were US residents, had steady jobs, on the fast track to US citizenship, and were protecting the freedoms that brought them to the United States. In December of 2005, they came to Columbus AFB and were assigned to the 14th Medical Group. Since their arrival, they have been outstanding performers- earning award after award and exemplify the Air Force core values.

The United States Air Force has given these two Airmen an unbelievable opportunity to follow their dreams... and that is just what they are doing. Daniel is pursuing a bachelor degree and his goal of becoming an Air Force officer. Janeth is currently pursuing her bachelor's degree and on the road to becoming a dentist for the Air Force. The determination and sacrifice of their families brought them to the land of the free.



Courtesy Photo

Senior Airman Janeth Cubeddu and Airman 1st Class Daniel Rodriquez, 14th Medical Operation Squadron, now find home in the U.S. and at Columbus AFB.

Grammy nominated band visits CAFB

Story by Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell
and photos by Senior Airman John Parie
14th Flying Training Wing

The Grammy nominated piano rock band, The Fray, visited Columbus Air Force Base Tuesday for orientation flights and lunch with BLAZE team members.

First Lieutenant Ben Payne, 41st Flying Training Squadron, was the inside connection for this event. Lieutenant Payne went to high school with three of the band members in Denver, Colo.

“We were talking during the holidays and I told him if the Air Force could make things happen then we could also,” said Joe King, guitarist and singer for the band. “He made a couple calls, and we made a couple calls. We made things happen.”

During the base tour, the band went through a wing mission brief. They had medical flight screenings at the 14th Medical Group. Following the medical group, they had lunch at the Columbus Club and signed autographs for fans and band followers.

After the band had lunch, they traveled to aerospace physiology for Life Support and T-37 egress training. The members of the 41st FTS Life Support team helped the team suit-up and gave them pointers on how to use their parachute and other equipment if an emergency were to happen while in flight. Then they each went up in flight in

a T-37 “Tweet.”

Following the flight, the band was greeted by members of the 41st FTS where they were presented with a framed photograph of themselves with members of the 41st FTS, to commemorate their visit to Columbus AFB.

The band then ended their CAFB tour at the base theater, signing more autographs.

The Fray has been playing music together for about four years. Three of the band members went to high school together and were in what Joe King called “rival bands” in Denver. A couple years after high school, Joe and Isaac met up again in a music store and decided to collaborate.

When they first started playing together, they did not have a name for the band. “At our first show, we did not have a name. We asked the audience to give us suggestions in a fish bowl. One of the suggestions was ‘The Fray’ and we used it,” said Joe King.

Members of the band include Isaac Slade, lead singer and pianist, King, Dave Welsh, guitarist and Ben Wysocki, drummer and percussionist.

The Fray is best known for their singles “How to Save a Life” and “Over My Head (Cable Car).” Their debut album, entitled “How to Save a Life,” made the top three of the Billboard Hot 100, was also the best selling digital album of all time and has sold over two million copies and has gone double platinum.



Airman 1st Class Kristine Lessman, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, reviews emergency procedures with Joe King, The Fray guitarist and vocalist, prior to his flight Tuesday.



Airman 1st Class Lynnette McCarrier, 14th MDOS, goes over in-flight emergency procedures with Isaac Slade, The Fray lead vocalist and pianist, prior to his flight.



Joe King, Isaac Slade, Ben Wysocki and Dave Welsh, members of the rock band “The Fray” pose with 1st Lt. Ben Payne, Capt. John Burns, Capt. Doug Snead and Capt. Jeremy Simmons, all members of the 41st Flying Training Squadron.



Joe King, The Fray guitarist and vocalist, practices ejection procedures prior to his flight Tuesday.

Base Notes

Annual Awards Banquet

The 14th Flying Training Wing’s 2006 Annual Awards Banquet will commemorate 60 years of aerospace power Feb. 10 at the Columbus Club. This year’s event, titled “Amazing Past ... Blazing Future,” will showcase and recognize Columbus AFB’s top performers. More details will be available in future Silver Wings issues.

MSU Representative

The representative for Mississippi State University’s Online MBA Program will be available for advising from 1 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 22, Mar. 8, Mar. 22, Apr. 12 and Apr. 26. The MSU advisor will have an office in the Education Service Flight room 13. To schedule an appointment please contact Ext. 2562

Free Parking at GTR

Anyone dropping off, picking up, or otherwise meeting or greeting a deployed troop will receive free parking at Golden Triangle Regional Airport. Bring the ticket to the ASA representative, Sheriff’s deputy on duty or come up to the administrative offices at GTR and they will get you a pass. This does not apply to leave or stateside TDY.

QuitSmart Tobacco Class

The Health and Wellness Center will be holding a Tobacco Cessation class this Tuesday, Feb. 20 and 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for those wishing to stop smoking and using smokeless tobacco. This is a three part series. For more information, call the Ext. 2477.

Wine Tasting Event

The Columbus Officers’ Spouses’ Club will host a wine tasting event Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. This will be a casual evening filled with basic wine information presented by Wing leadership spouses. The wines will be paired with a menu of Bruschetta with Filet of Beef, Sautéed Mushrooms and Mozzarella, Pepper Jack and Shredded Chicken Quesadillas, Chicken on a Stick, Balsamic Marinated Tortellini and Sun Dries Tomato Skewers, Crab Dip with Crostini, Italian Anti Pasta Trays and Baked Brie. Desserts will include Chocolate Truffles, Bleu Cheese Crumbles, Custard Fruit Tartlets and Chocolate Covered Strawberries. Price is \$11.50 for Club Members and \$13.50 for nonmembers. All of the wines that are served will

be available for purchase by the glass and by the bottle. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Call Felicia Boudreaux at 352-6619 by Thursday to reserve your spot.

Airman Education and Commissioning Program

The deadline to submit applications for the 2007 Airman Education and Commissioning Program is Feb. 15. All mandatory course work must have been completed by Dec 31 to meet the 2007 board. All applications must be post marked not later than Feb. 15. Applications must be submitted in accordance with the AECF. For more information visit <http://www.afoats.af.mil/AFR/OTC/EnlistedComm/AECP.asp> or call Larry Brooks at Ext. 2562.

Self Help-Pride Store

Anyone having checked out a rug doctor or carpet cleaner, please contact the Pride Store at Ext. 7372 or Ext. 7357. If you need more time to keep the item, please let them know.

Diabetic Education Class

The Health and Wellness Center will host a diabetic education class on Thursday from 8 to 10 a.m. This will include education on nutrition, medications and exercises for diabetics. For more information, call Ext. 2477.

Cholesterol Education Class

The Health and Wellness Center will host a cholesterol education class Feb. 28 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This class will include education on diet, sources of cholesterol, saturated fats and dietary fiber. Call Ext. 2477 for more information

Family Support Center

(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the Airman & Family Readiness Center unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Welcome Home Kits

There are a number of personnel schedule to return from deployment in January. All squadrons are reminded that the Airman & Family Readiness Center has welcome home kits available for check out to greet returning deployed troops. Kits include a four-foot banner, U.S. flags, patriotic balloons and

streamers in a portable case. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

Employment Workshop

An employment workshop to help individuals identify local and base employment opportunities, will be held every Wednesday at 1 p.m. To sign up, call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at Ext. 2790.

Deployment Briefing

Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m. at the Airman & Family Readiness Center. Call Ext. 2790 for more information.

Free Excel Computer Class

A free Excel computer class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. now through Feb. 14. This event is open to active duty, family members, retirees, civil service and contractors. To reserve your seat, call Ext. 2790.

Free Power Point Computer Class

A free power point computer class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. now through Feb. 14. This event is open to active duty, family members, retirees, civil service and contractors. To reserve your seat, call Ext. 2790.

Bundles of Joy

This event will take place Tuesday and will include information speakers on finances, labor and delivery and infant care. This event is for active duty and spouses who are pregnant or have a child up to four months of age. This program offers a gift package valued at more than \$65. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

A Smooth Move

This class provides relocating members and families with information about moving, Feb. 13. Learn what to expect during a relocation from TMO, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare, medical records and Airmen and Family Readiness Center. For more information, Ext. 2790.

Time Management Class

This class will help participants focus on setting realistic goals, prioritizing, and how to break down into smaller

goals. This event will take place Feb. 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

Sponsorship Training

This event is for all Unit Intro Monitors and sponsors Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. This training will provide information on the importance of a good, effective sponsorship program and resources available for both sponsor and newcomer. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

Chapel Schedule

Protestant

Sunday:
9 a.m. — Traditional Religious Education
10:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service
All are invited to a fellowship dinner following the 10:45 a.m. service the fourth Sunday of each month
Wednesday:
6 p.m. — Navigator Bible Study
6 p.m. — 26 Parables of Christ
6 p.m. — Five Love Languages
6 p.m. — Pioneer Club
ages 3 to 7th grade
6 p.m. — Youth Group Bible Study
8th grade to 12th grade
Thursday
8 p.m. — SUPT Wives Bible Study

Saturday
10 a.m. — Praise Team Practice

Catholic

Sunday:
1 p.m. — Mass
2 p.m. — Catholic Religious Education

SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEK

(Current week’s puzzle on page 16)

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Mississippi Museum of Natural Science: Jewels of the Sea: Walter Anderson's Aquatica: This exhibit presents nature's creatures as Anderson appreciated them. It will take place today through May in Jackson, Miss. For more information, call (601) 354-7303.

Mercedes Marathon and Half-Marathon Weekend: This event will include activities for runners and walkers of all ages. Distances include a 5K, one-mile youth's marathon, 26.2 miles, 13.1 miles and a five person marathon relay. There will also be a race expo and Mercedes-Benz give away. This is all taking place Feb. 9 through 11 in Birmingham, Ala. For more information, call (205) 870-7771 or visit www.MercedesMarathon.com.

Dixie Rodeo: This event is the 2nd largest Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association's Rodeo east of the Mississippi River. It will take place Feb. 8 through 14 in Jackson, Miss. It will include 10 performances, five horse shows, a Junior Livestock show, a 2 day Western Festival,

trade shows, rodeo dance and parade. For more information, call (601) 961-4000.

African-American Heritage Month Driving Tour: Celebrate Black History Month by joining a tour of the African-American Heritage of Columbus, Miss., today through Feb. 28. For more information, call 328-0222.

Romantic Fools: This event consists of 12 two character comedies examining love, dating and romance. It will take place Feb. 9 through 18 in Columbus, Miss. This event if for adults only. For more information, call 328-2787.

Valentine Sound, Light & Water show: This special show happening Feb. 10 through 14 in Childersburg, Ala., will commemorate love. Tours will be every hour of the half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (256) 378-7252.

Winter Jam Tour Spectacular 2007: This event will

take place Feb. 11 starting at 6 p.m. in Tupelo, Miss., and will feature Steven Curtis Chapman, Jeremy Camp, Hawk Nelson, Sanctus Real and Tony Nolan. For more information, call (662) 841-6528 or visit www.jamtour.com.

Larry the Cable Guy "The Right to Bare Arms" tour: This event taking place in Tupelo, Miss., Feb. 15 at the BancorpSouth Arena will feature Larry the Cable Guy in his stand up comedy performance. Tickets are \$38.75 plus service charge. Call (662) 841-6528 or visit www.bancorp-southcenter.com.

Blood, Sweat & Tears in concert: This event features the legendary group in concert Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in Meridian, Miss. Chuck Negron will be the guest star at this event. For more information, call (601) 696-2200.

For more information about local area events, e-mail AFRC@columbus.af.mil or call the Airman & Family Readiness Center at Ext. 2790.

**African-American
Pioneers**
Capt. Tony Wickman
71st Flying Training Wing

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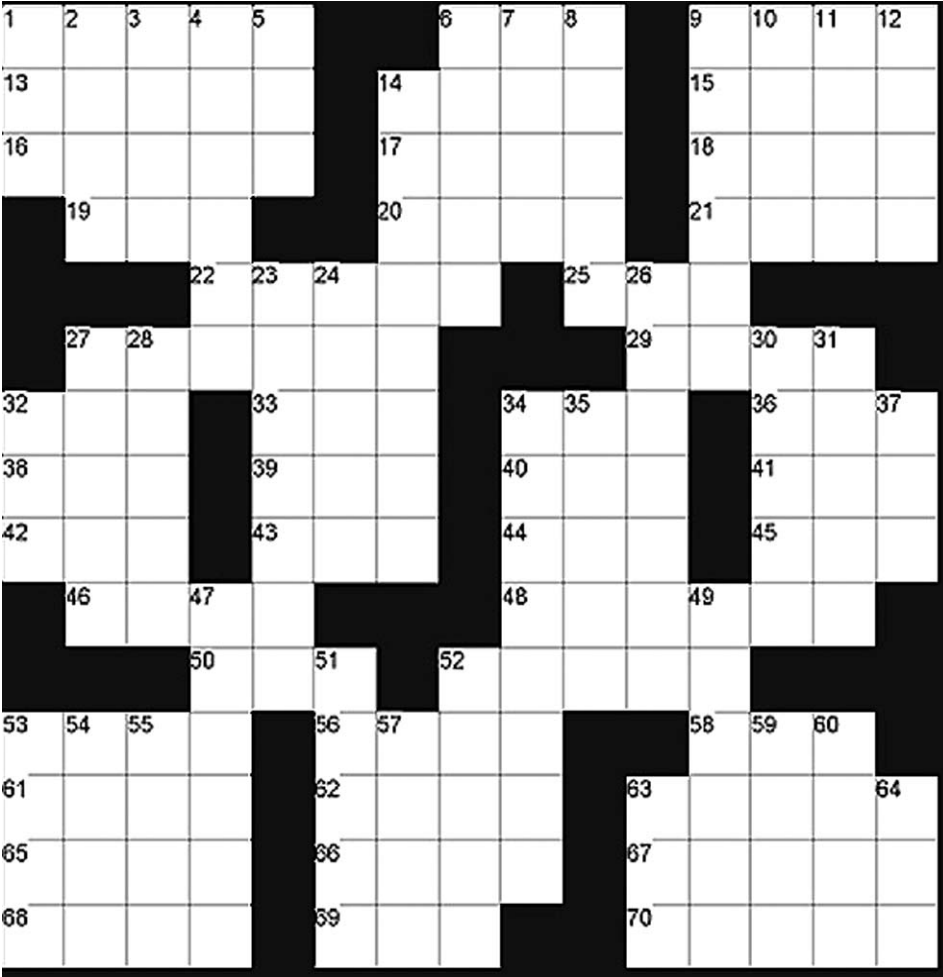
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- Football scores, briefly
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- Dorie ____; African-American sailor awarded Navy Cross at Pearl Harbor
- Time zone (GMT-0500), in brief
- First African-American 4-star general in USAF
- Points
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- Thomas ____; only African-American to serve as CMSAF

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- You are ____; map point
- Gen. Frank ____, Jr.; 1st African-American USMC general
- African-American artist ____ Scurlock
- Vice ____
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- Pet need
- Part of a/v
- Excuse
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- Computer program for file sharing, in brief
- Bombarded with large mounted weapons
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- Boxing result
- African-American USAFA alum who won two gold medals in 84 Olympics
- Gen. Lloyd W. ____; 1st African-American Thunderbird pilot
- ____ Forks AFB, N.D.
- Alarm
- Urn
- Singer Fitzgerald
- Shellacking
- Pilots with 5+ kills
- Sesame St. character
- Ancient Semitic deity
- Noah's ship
- NBC program, in brief



Movies at the Base Theater

Today
7 p.m.

"Children of Men"
(R, some violence, language and some drug use, 109 min.)
Starring: Clive Owen and Julianne Moore.

Saturday
3 p.m.

"We are Marshall"
(PG, emotional thematic material and mild language, 124 min.)
Starring: Matthew McConaughey and Matthew Fox.

Saturday
7 p.m.

"The Pursuit of Happyness"
(PG-13, some language, 117 min.)
Starring: Will Smith and Jaden Smith .

Cost for **all** movies are **full price** (\$1.75 for children and \$3.50 for adults) at **3 and 7 p.m.**

Feb. 9
7 p.m.

"Night at the Museum"
(PG,mild action, language and brief rude humor, 108 min.)
Starring: Ben Stiller and Dick Van Dyke.

Feb. 10
3 p.m.

"Charlotte's Web"
(G,general audiences, 97 min.)
Starring: Dakota Fanning and the voice of Julia Roberts.

Feb. 10
7 p.m.

"Code Name: The Cleaner"
(PG-13, sexual content, crude humor and some violence, 84 min.)
Starring: Cedric the Entertainer and Lucy Liu .

Register weekly to win a DVD and movie poster at the theater.

For more information, visit <http://aafes.com/ems/conus/columbus.htm>

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.
Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.
Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.
Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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(in case we need more information)

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.

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For more information, contact Mississippi State University Detachment 425 at (662) 325-3810 or logon to www.msstate.edu/dept/afrotc/

Takin' it the hoop



Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

A member of the 14th Operations Support Squadron intramural basketball team takes a shot over Senior Airman William Greenan, member of the 14th Civil Engineering Squadron basketball team.

Fast break



Airman 1st Class Danielle Powell

Airman Jamil Fitts, 14th Medical Operations Squadron, chases 1st Lt. Nathan Call, 41st Flying Training Squadron, while he takes the basketball down the court after a rebound during their first game of the intramural basketball season Jan. 30 at the Fitness Center.

Softball team meeting

Anyone interested in forming a base softball team is invited to come to the meeting on Feb. 5 at 4:30. The meeting will be held in the gym at the Fitness Center. Everyone is invited, military or civilians.

Please contact Frank Aguirre at Ext. 7786.

14TH FLYING TRAINING WING

BLAZING BALLS

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TIME: 1730
WHEN: FRI FEB 2
WHERE: OFFICER'S CLUB
FOLLOWING 07-05
ASSIGNMENT NIGHT

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TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Congrats Fun Run Winners

Male Runner:
Capt. Derek Oakley, 50th Flying Training Squadron:
run time 16:47

Female Runner:
Haley Milledge, spouse of 1st Lt. Aaron Milledge, 50th FTS: run time 24:12

The 5K Fun Run had 107 participants. Feb. 23 there will be a Sweetheart Fun Run starting at 7 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Families, strollers and dogs are welcome. For more information, call the fitness center at Ext. 2775.

Commanders Bowling Challenge

The first annual Commanders Bowling Challenge has been rescheduled for Friday, March 2 at 1 p.m. Each squadron or division is invited to submit a five-person team. It is highly encouraged to include the commander, deputy or honorary commander on the team. Entry is \$10 per person and includes bowling and prize fund. The first 10 teams to enter will bowl at 1 p.m. If we have more than 10 teams to enter, there will be a second shift starting around 3:30 p.m. for those teams. For more information or to register a team, call the bowling center at Ext. 2426.

Biggest loser competition begins soon

Stephanie Akins
14th Medical Operations Squadron

Do you have a few pounds you would like to shed? Don't exactly know where to start? Do you just need a little motivation? Do you want to be a part of Columbus AFB's biggest competition? If you answered yes; mark your calendars, get your team together, come join the fun, and see if your team can become Columbus' Biggest Losers!

Teams of six people compete in a three month comprehensive weight loss program that begins March 1 and concludes May 31. Weigh-ins will be held monthly to track progress. Members can also attend classes that teach proper nutrition, exercise techniques, and how to make lifestyle changes and succeed. Points will be awarded based on the number of classes attended, monthly runs completed and percentage of weight loss. The largest number of points will be awarded for weight loss.

For more information or to sign up, call the Health and Wellness Center at Ext. 2908 or the Fitness Center at Ext. 2772.

Signup begins Feb. 12.